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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: TDY ASSISTANCE

REF: NEW DELHI 10642

NEW DELHI FOR TSO, HONG KONG FOR RTC

SY/T CAN APPRECIATE THAT THE UNEXPECTED ASSIGNMENT IN KABUL PLUS YOUR ILLNESS HAS CAUSED A CONSIDERABLE DISRUPTION IN YOUR SCHEDULE. UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NO TSOS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU AT THIS TIME.

SEABEES ARE IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY AT THIS TIME. SUPPORT BRANCH HAS ONLY ONE TRAVELING SEABEE. NSU HAS NO SEABEES AVAILABLE AND MANY PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE HAD TO BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO A LACK OF MANPOWER. EXTENSIVE PROJECTS IN MOSCOW AND OTHER EUROPEAN POSTS ARE USING ALL AVAILABLE SEABEE MANPOWER.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ROUTINE OPERATIONS BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR EMERGENCY AND PRIORITY PROJECTS ARE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

SY/T HAS ASKED THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN BY SY TO
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ASSIGNING A RESIDENT SEABEE TO NEW DELHI TO ASSIST IN THE

TECHNICAL SECURITY WORK OF YOUR AREA. UNFORTUNATELY AS
STATED ABOVE THERE ARE NO SEABEES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR

THIS ASSIGNMENT. FURTHER NSU IS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN
KEEPING CURRENT BILLETS FILLED AND GETTING QUALIFIED
REPLACEMENTS FOR THOSE SEABEES LEAVING THE PROGRAM. RUSH

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